Waiting list of telephone in Bangalore

383. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total waiting list of telephones in Bangalore, as in February, 1995.

(b) whether the Bangalore Telephones is committed to clear the entire waiting list upto 30th June, 1994, by the 31st March, 1995, as committed by the Hon'ble Minister;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the telephones in Bangalore will be available on demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): Total waiting list of Telephones in Bangalore as on 28th February, 1995 is 50021.

(b) and (c) The proposal to provide telephones to those registered upto 30.6,94, by 3.3.95 was subject to availability of material and financial resources. Necessary steps in this direction have already been taken and in many areas waiting list upto 30-6-94 has been cleared. In balance areas, it is expected to be cleared in coming months.

(d) National Telecom Policy 1994 envisages availability of Telephones on demand by 1997 throughout the country including Bangalore.

Waiting list of Telephone in the country

384. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total waiting list of telephone in the country. State-wise;

(b) what is the total deposit received for new telephone connections during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(c) what is the total annual demand for new telephone connection in the country;

(d) what is the total anticipated demand for new telephone connections in the country by the year 2000; and

(e) what is the total investment required to meet this demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Total waiting list of telephones in the country, Statewise as on 31.12.1994 is given in Statement. (*See* below).

(b) Total deposit received for new telephone connections during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 is as below:—

Year	Deposited received is in Rs. Crores.
1992-93 . .	309·76
1993-94 . .	360.46
1994-95 . . . (Upto June, 1995)	372.05

(c) Total annual demand for new telephone connections in the country registered during 1993-94 is 891623.

(d) Anticipated demand for new telephone connections by the year 2000 is expected to be 1,50,00,000.

(e) Total investment required to meet the demand is assessed to be of the